

# Milner Succeeds Derby as War Minister of Britain

New Secretary Is Expected to Rule Department With Iron Hand

Chamberlain Gets Place in Cabinet

Derby to Replace Bertie as the Ambassador to France

By Arthur S. Draper

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LONDON, April 18.—The appointment of Lord Milner to succeed the Earl of Derby as Secretary for War and of J. Austen Chamberlain to a place in the War Cabinet comes as a great surprise. The Earl of Derby's appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on a special mission to succeed Lord Bertie as British Ambassador to France arouses less interest.

Even before General Sir William Robertson's withdrawal from the head of the imperial staff it was generally believed Derby's tenure of the War Secretaryship would be short. When Robertson quit because he opposed the schemes of the Versailles conference it was expected Derby would follow him, because the latter had publicly announced his support of the British general in his disagreement with Lloyd George.

Derby Had Many Opponents

An influential Conservative, whose greatest bid to fame was his scheme for voluntary group enlistment, Derby had many opponents in various quarters, and after Robertson's downfall it was inevitable that he would go. The appointment of Milner comes as a welcome surprise, though it will undoubtedly inspire much adverse criticism.

Milner is the strongest figure in the Lloyd George government. With the exception of the Premier himself, no

## Lord Milner Chosen Because Britain Has "Back to Wall"

By C. W. Gilbert

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The appointment of Lord Milner to be Minister of War in England, in succession to Lord Derby, who becomes Ambassador to France, means a vigorous effort to increase British man power available for service on the West front.

Lord Derby's administration of the War Office has been criticised because there has not been enough combining of the so-called essential industries for men who might be spared for active duty and because not enough dilution of industry with women workers has taken place. Only six weeks ago a large number of women workers in munitions factories in England were dismissed from employment.

Probably the responsibility for the weakness of the government in failing to obtain the utmost man power does not rest solely upon Lord Derby. Timidity with regard to Ireland has compelled action in enforcing and extending the draft act everywhere. Organized labor was partly pacified, and could point to the failure to conscript the Irish. And this attitude of labor had something to do with generosity in exemptions from service and the failure to make the utmost possible use of women workers.

Lord Milner a Strong Man

Lord Milner is a different kind of man from Lord Derby—one of the strong, determined men of England. Lord Derby was appointed to make conscription popular. Lord Milner goes in to make it effective. His leaving the War Cabinet, for it is understood that he will be succeeded in that body by Austen Chamberlain, for the position of War Minister means that new importance attaches to the work of forming armies in England. England is making an effort with her back to the wall.

Lord Milner will have the advantage of a different state of opinion from that under which Lord Derby worked. Man power to stop the German drive and hold the Western front until the American army arrives in full strength will be an aim in which all England will unite.

The British government is anxious that this country shall understand the truth about the situation with regard to Ireland. There is now, for the first time in British history, absolute unanimity about giving the Irish self-government. The announcement that the Lloyd George government will stand or fall on this issue is not another mere promise of Home Rule. It means that the men who have led the opposition to Home Rule almost since the days of Gladstone—Mr. Balfour, Lord Curzon and Bonar Law—are now committed to its support.

It is explained in British circles that what has led to this unanimity is the "back to the wall" position of the British Empire. It must have man power. It could not go to disaffected labor and ask for men who might be spared but technically were exempt when labor could point to the failure to conscript the Irish. It could not ask England, Scotland and Wales to accept conscription of men from forty-one to fifty while youths in Ireland were not in service. And it could not ask Home Rule without giving Ireland Home Rule. The Home Rule bill will go swiftly through Parliament, it was explained to-day, so that Ireland's man power will soon be available.

Trouble with Ulster is not expected because without Conservative support in Parliament Ulster's opposition is likely to collapse. The Ulster question was largely a political question. The Conservatives drew members from Ulster, and in turn backed Ulster, even to the point of open rebellion. Now Conservative pressure will be upon Ulster to yield.

From conscription in Ireland a force variously estimated at from 80,000 to

LORD MILNER

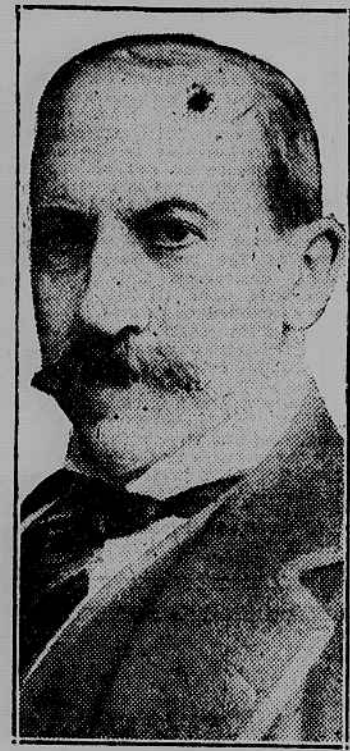


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Member of Lloyd George's War Cabinet succeeds Earl of Derby as War Minister.

member of the ministry has been assailed more bitterly, but nevertheless Milner probably is the ablest. He is an advocate of war to a finish; he is not afraid, and never worries about political consequences.

At this crisis Milner is likely to run the War Department with an iron hand and to oppose any form of compromise. Since he entered the Lloyd George government he has been a member of the War Cabinet without portfolio, devoting his time to the settlement of many important domestic as well as international questions.

## Lord Milner Holds Long Conference With Clemenceau

PARIS, April 18.—Premier Clemenceau had a long conference last night with Lord Milner, the new British War Secretary.

LONDON, April 18.—The appointment of Viscount Milner to the War Secretaryship, it is considered, will make for efficiency, as he is rated by many as the strongest member of the War Cabinet. Personally he is not among the popular politicians, because he is extremely conservative in his views, and the Liberals always have condemned his South African policy.

The Earl of Derby has a genial, popular personality, which induces the view that he will fit well into diplomacy. The selection of Mr. Chamberlain does not seem likely to be greeted with unanimous enthusiasm. "The Daily Mail" for instance yesterday said such action would be trifling with the nation. It described Mr. Chamberlain as an honest mediocrity, who owed his advancement entirely to the prestige of his father, the late Joseph Chamberlain.

Alfred Milner, first Viscount Milner, has been a member of the British War Cabinet without portfolio since December 10, 1916. The Earl of Derby has been at the head of the War Office since the Lloyd George Cabinet took office in December, 1916.

Viscount Milner was British High Commissioner for South Africa previous to 1905, and from 1902 to 1906 he was Governor of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony. He was born in 1854.

Mr. Chamberlain, the eldest son of Joseph Chamberlain, has been a prominent figure in public life for a score of years. His last previous post was Secretary for India, which he resigned last July after being censured by the commission which investigated the disastrous first campaign of the British in Mesopotamia. Mr. Chamberlain, who is largely responsible for the arrangements for the campaign, admitted in the House of Commons that serious errors had been made, particularly in regard to the hospital service.

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# Borden, Demanding More Men, Predicts Blow at Canadians

Premier Says Army Must Be Kept at Full Strength, Despite Sacrifices

Secret Session Is Held

Figures Given Commons Show Number of Fresh Forces Allies Have Raised

OTTAWA, April 18.—Regardless of sacrifices, Canada must keep her fighting divisions on the Western front up to full strength, Sir Robert Borden, Premier, stated during a secret session of the House of Commons yesterday. An official account of the meeting was made public here to-day.

Canada also must so organize her remaining human power as to maintain, and if possible increase, agricultural production, Sir Robert said.

The Premier made a complete survey of the war situation. He presented also a communication from Mr. Lloyd George, sent especially for reading at this secret session. The text of this was not made public.

Alluding to Germany's apparent determination to destroy the British army in France, Sir Robert presented detailed confidential information as to the strength of fresh forces which have been raised by Great Britain, France and Canada in order to combat this offensive.

A German attack in full force upon the Canadian army must be expected, the Premier said.

"When this will come, no one can say," he added, "but in view of the strategic value of the position of the Canadians there can be no doubt that they must be prepared to meet any attacks launched by the enemy, and the country must be prepared to provide the reinforcements to make good all the losses."

After Sir Robert's statement, a discussion took place, participated in by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Sam Hughes and Major General Newburn, Minister of Militia.

## Britain's Sea Grip Shown in Cattegat

German Trawlers Permitted to Destroyed

LONDON, April 18.—The British naval success against German minesweepers in the Cattegat recently, says the "Daily Telegraph," is sufficient answer to the Germans who say that the British Grand Fleet is in hiding.

"Such a sweep," adds the "Telegraph," "can be made only by a power in real control of the sea, confronted by an enemy who will not risk protecting his small craft and suspecting that such intervention might be the prelude to a general action which he desires to avoid. The Germans had large naval forces near the scene on this particular Monday. They did not send them out, but, on the contrary, permitted their trawlers to be destroyed virtually under their very eyes."

## Asks Larger Federal Control of Industry

Economic Association Committee Finds War Needs Unsupplied Despite Large Profits

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Large profits have not insured the necessary amount of labor and material for war work, says a special report, made public to-night by the American Economic Association's committee on "the purchasing power of money in relation to the war," and greater governmental control of industry is essential to systematize large necessary shifting of labor and capital.

Reviewing what happened shortly after the United States entered the war, when great contracts were let on a "cost-plus" basis, the committee points out that experience proved ordinary business methods would not produce the extraordinary results required by the emergency, and the government found it necessary to remedy the industrial confusion which followed by various measures of public control.

## N. Y. Man Gets Major's Rank in British Tank Corps

Word was received here yesterday that George Alan Green, chief engineer and superintendent of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company, which operates the buses on Fifth Avenue, had been commissioned a major in the British Tank Corps. He is now in France.

Major Green resigned from the coach company last spring and enlisted in the tank service. His experience with motor vehicles made him particularly valuable in that branch of the service, and his promotion has been rapid. He has been in every big engagement fought by the tanks thus far.

# Daniels Says War May Put Taft in Overalls

[Special Correspondence]

NEW HAVEN, April 18.—Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, told an audience of 3,000 persons in Woolsey Hall, Yale, to-night that "perhaps before the present war closes we shall see ex-President Taft in overalls."

"I know that he would wear them," said Secretary Daniels, "if he could thereby bring victory nearer."

"The war is settling many questions that puzzled us before it began. One of them was, What shall we do with our ex-Presidents? President Wilson settled that by appointing ex-President Taft National Labor Commissioner. Another benefit which has come through the war is a clearer understanding between labor and the man who employs labor. The employers of labor have never before been so considerate of those who work for them, and those who labor have never before struggled so hard to render faithful service."

the new America there will be no place for highbrows except as counselors with those who toil for their bread. I know not what the problems that follow the war will be, but my answer when asked about them is: 'If we had brains and courage to meet those of the war we shall have sufficient to grasp those that follow it.'"

## Soldiers Object to Poor Vaudeville

Upton Men Displeased With Performances at Camp Theatre

CAMP UPTON, N. Y., April 18.—Rebelling at the positive lack of quality in the vaudeville which was billed at the Liberty Theatre as "high class," the soldiers this evening drove one woman performer from the stage. Their method was by means of derision and applause that was deliberately misplaced. The unfortunate actress could neither sing nor dance. She tried both. She did not appear to have been kindly treated by the passing years, either.

The troupe closed this evening, having played the house since Monday.

On only two occasions has the Liberty Theatre made a presentable offering. This was the opening comedy and the show which followed it a week later. Since then only vaudeville has been offered, and that of a quality not worth the price of admission—25 and 50 cents.

## German Wounded Overflow Flanders

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The great flow of wounded now passing through Flanders is viewed with alarm by the Germans, as related in an official dispatch from Amsterdam to-day.

The towns of Courtrai, Bruges, Ghent and other places have been transformed into military hospitals, the dispatch adds, adding that at the front arrangements are inadequate and the Red Cross service is not able to fulfill its task.

Many wounded, it was said, are dying in Red Cross automobiles and wagons and on sanitary trains.

## Jersey Men in Sham Battle

CAMP MCLELLAN, Ala., April 18.—The New Jersey Infantry Brigade of the 1st and 2nd Divisions, encamped here, goes into action next week. Led by Brigadier General Charles W. Barber, it will fight a theoretical enemy from here to Gadsden, thirty miles distant, and will then turn about and fight him back to camp.

The brigade will be assisted by the 11th Artillery, an ammunition train, hospital and signal corps detachments. Units in the brigade itself are the 13th and 14th Infantry and the 11th Machine Battalion. These were formed from five Guard regiments of New Jersey.

## Member of School Board Arrested Under Espionage Act

CLEVELAND, April 18.—A. L. Hitchcock, school member of the Cleveland School Board, was arrested to-day on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Marlatt, on recommendation of United States District Attorney Worthington. The arrest was made under the espionage act.

A statement made by Hitchcock a week ago, in a meeting of the school board, that millions of dollars would be sent to the Liberty Loan "would never be used for the purpose of beating the Kaiser," led to his arrest.

## Senate Confirms Keppel

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Appointment of Frederick P. Keppel, dean of Columbia University, to Assistant Secretary of War, was confirmed to-day by the Senate.

# Booklet of Hate Issued To Help America Win

Choice Expressions From Teutonic Minds Quoted to Fire Hearts and Steel Souls of Americans Against "Blond Beast of Prussianism"

A booklet of hate, to fire the heart and steel the soul of democracy against the "blond beast" of Prussianism, was issued yesterday for nation-wide circulation by the Patriotic Educational Committee. Elmer Elsworth Rittenhouse, author of the pamphlet, bids Americans everywhere to know and recognize their enemy wherever he is found, and get mad—fighting mad.

The patriotic committee, with headquarters at the historic Franceses Tavern, Broad and Pearl streets, whose purpose is indorsed by the Sons of the Revolution, states that America has not yet viewed with understanding eyes the dread mark of the beast.

"Read and learn and get yourself ready to meet and crush this predatory Prussian thing that is trying to master the world," is the appeal of Mr. Rittenhouse.

"Our indictment relates not to Americanized or humanized Germans anywhere," Mr. Rittenhouse says, "but to our present enemies among Prussianized Germans everywhere. It is no time to talk of the virtues of an assassin while he is clutching at your throat to strangle you."

German Mind Explained

Mr. Rittenhouse had gone to the German himself to explain the anachronism of blood let loose. In his pamphlet he has collected choice sentiments from Teutonic minds and let them be self-revealing. The following bits are gathered at random:

"The Prussians are cruel by nature; civilization will make them ferocious."—Goethe.

"The Prussians. . . Nature has made them stupid, science has made them wicked."—Heine.

"O Germany, hate now! Arm thyself with steel and pierce with thy bayonet the heart of every foe; no prisoners! Look all their lips in silence; turn our neighbors' lands into deserts."—Vierordt.

"Wee and death to all those who shall oppose my will. Wee and death to those who do not believe in my mission."—Kaiser Wilhelm, 1914.

"War must leave nothing to the vanquished but their eyes to weep with."—Tannenberg, 1914.

"It is better to let a hundred women and children belonging to the enemy die of hunger than to let a single German soldier suffer."—Von der Goltz.

No Regard for Human Life

"Germany is destined to rule the world, or at least a great part of it. The lives of human beings are to be conserved only if it makes for the state's advancement, their lives are to be sacrificed if it were the state's advantage."—General von Kries, 1916.

"Use your weapons in such a way that for a thousand years no Chinese dare look upon a German as a coward."—General von Kries, 1916.

"The Kaiser to his troops going to China. 'Whoever cannot prevail upon himself to approve from the bottom of his heart the sinking of the Lusitania— whoever cannot conquer his sense of the gigantic cruelty to unnumbered perfectly innocent victims . . . and the himself up to honest delight at this victorious exploit of the German defensive power—him we judge to be no true German.'—Pastor Baumgarten.

"Perpetual peace is a dream, and it is not even a beautiful dream. War is a part of the eternal order instituted by God."—Von Moltke.

"War is the most august and sacred of human activities."—Von Gottberg.

"We must not look for a permanent peace as a result of this war. Heaven defend Germany from that!"—O. A. H. Schmidt.

Remember that you are the chosen people. The spirit of the Lord has descended upon me because I am the Emperor of the Germans. I am the fighting instrument of the Almighty. I am His sword, His agent."—The Kaiser.

German Purpose Apparent

"Wily German statesmen have set people to talking of peace formulas and parleys," says Mr. Rittenhouse, "but the real peace purpose of Germany is only too apparent. After three decades the peace of a conqueror—none. To you, the soldiers, sailors and civilians of America, has come the opportunity for the honor, the glory, the unspeakable joy of saving representative democracy from the twin monsters

# Would Give Men's Kin Flat Rate Allotment

Bill to Provide for Soldiers' Dependents Urged in House

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A bill amending the war risk insurance law so as to provide for a compulsory flat allotment from fighting men to their dependents, instead of the present sliding scale based on family conditions and the pay of the men, was introduced in the House to-day by Representative Sims, of Tennessee. The measure, which has been urged by the War and Navy departments, would become effective July 1.

The bill provides for a fixed flat rate of \$15 a month allowance from a man to his wife and children, or where the soldier is unmarried, to other dependents, such as a parent, brother or sister. If allotment is made for wife and children, \$5 a month would be set aside for other dependents, if any.

Convicts Shield Leaders In Attack on Army Officer

SANTA FE, N. M., April 18.—Despite questioning by the penitentiary authorities, prisoners at the state penitentiary here have refused to name the leaders among convicts who yesterday tarred and feathered Major John H. Birkenner, of Camp Cody, a Federal prisoner.

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